

ULSTER COUNTY

FARM STATISTICS

April 2000

Ulster County is located in the Catskill Mountains in the Hudson River Valley of New York. In 1998, there were 72,400 acres in farms, 10 percent of the county's total 721,280 acres. There were 480 farms in the county averaging 151 acres per farm. Ulster county ranks 43rd in the state for number of farms and 42nd for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$42.3 million. Total sales averaged \$103,368 per farm. The leading products sold were: fruit and berries, vegetables, nursery and greenhouse, dairy products, and horses and ponies.

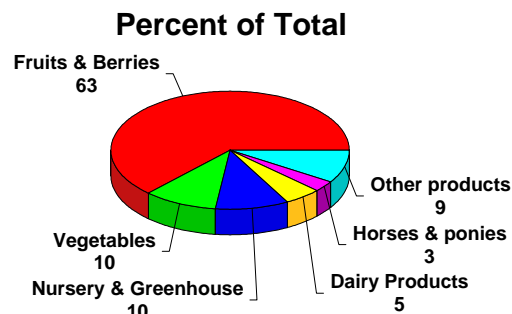
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$535,573. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$52,627 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$32.4 million for an average of \$78,546 per farm. The Census showed 57 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 55.6 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$21,765.

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Fruits & Berries	26,824	63	2
Vegetables	4,331	10	13
Nursery & Greenhouse	4,251	10	13
Dairy Products	2,094	5	49
Horses & Ponies	1,410	3	3
Other Products	3,368	9	
TOTAL SALES	42,278		

1997 Census of Agriculture

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	3,286	280,148	5/	5/	104,243	5/
1950	2,552	227,497	110,856	20,210	79,029	17,402
1959	1,460	161,922	79,950	13,467	55,276	13,229
1969	761	91,581	54,448	5/	24,993	5/
1978	561	87,635	54,586	3,867	22,036	7,146
1982	570	85,203	52,484	5,546	18,738	13,981
1987	600	78,900	43,800	5,500	21,500	8,100
1992	510	76,600	41,500	5,900	20,100	9,100
1993	520	75,700	41,000	5,700	19,500	9,500
1994	515	74,100	40,400	5,500	19,200	9,000
1995	500	74,400	40,400	5,500	19,600	8,900
1996	495	74,100	40,300	5,400	19,500	8,900
1997	490	74,100	40,400	5,300	19,800	8,600
1998	480	72,400	39,000	5,300	19,600	8,500

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	226	213
\$10,000 to \$49,999	95	104
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	27
\$100,000 or more	77	65
Farms Reporting	433	409
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

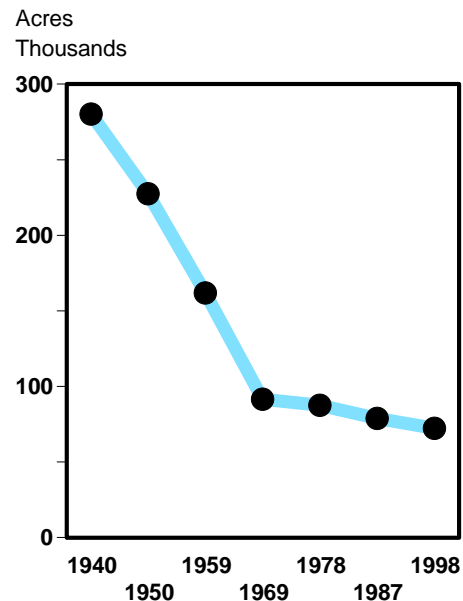
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, Ulster County's population ranked 20th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	87,000	77
1950	92,600	82
1960	118,800	105
1970	141,200	125
1980	158,200	140
1990	165,300	147
1998	166,351	148

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	21,851	1/	1/
1950	20,249	197	12,043
1959	16,839	296	10,259
1969	10,309	621	4,719
1978	9,500	1,300	3,900
1982	9,000	1,100	3,900
1987	8,800	1,800	2,400
1992	6,300	1,500	1,800
1993	6,300	1,300	1,500
1994	6,300	1,600	1,200
1995	6,200	1,400	1,000
1996	6,000	1,100	1,000
1997	6,000	1,100	1,000
1998	5,500	1,100	900

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	4,000	10,100	40.4
1982	3,900	10,600	41.3
1987	2,400	13,300	31.9
1992	1,500	15,000	22.5
1993	1,200	15,000	18.0
1994	1,100	15,200	16.7
1995	900	15,600	14.0
1996	700	15,400	10.8
1997	700	15,600	10.9
1998	800	16,000	12.8

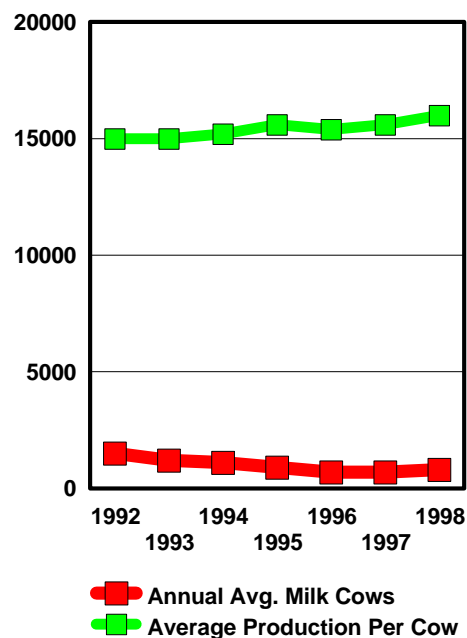
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FRUIT ACRES AND RANK

Fruit	1997	Rank
Acres		
Apples	8,767	2
Pears	343	3
Grapes	187	12
Peaches	93	5
Plums & Prunes	48	3
Sweet cherries	27	7
Tart cherries	6	7

U. S. Census of Agriculture

MILK: Cows & Production**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
1234	12	\$1,410,000	3

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	8,870	3,565	35.0	124,714	1/	1/	1/
1950	7,438	3,220	43.3	139,564	3,890	8.5	33,032
1959	5,962	2,315	63.7	147,406	3,569	10.2	36,315
1969	5,100	1,800	82.0	147,600	1/	1/	1/
1978	6,900	3,200	95.0	304,000	3,600	13.0	46,800
1982	6,700	4,200	102.0	428,400	2,400	14.0	33,600
1987	5,500	3,000	110.0	330,000	2,200	15.0	33,000
1992	5,200	2,500	113.0	282,500	2,500	12.6	31,500
1993	4,600	2,500	84.0	210,000	2,100	13.8	28,900
1994	4,600	2,600	111.0	289,000	2,000	16.2	32,300
1995	4,100	2,400	104.0	249,600	1,700	12.6	21,500
1996	3,600	2,000	102.0	204,300	1,500	14.0	21,000
1997	3,700	1,900	116.0	220,400	1,800	14.9	26,800
1998	3,600	1,800	109.0	196,200	1,800	16.3	29,300

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	1,208	1.7	2,029	45,550	1.0	43,795	46,758	1.0	45,824
1950	2,763	1.9	5,183	32,844	1.4	46,935	35,607	1.5	52,118
1959	5,814	2.1	12,418	19,736	1.4	28,240	25,550	1.6	40,658
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	14,054	2.0	27,729
1978	3,300	2.3	7,600	17,000	1.7	28,900	20,300	1.8	36,500
1982	3,800	2.4	9,100	14,900	1.9	28,300	18,700	2.0	37,400
1987	4,000	2.8	11,200	13,000	1.9	24,700	17,000	2.1	35,900
1992	4,500	2.7	12,300	9,400	1.8	17,000	13,900	2.1	29,300
1993	3,200	2.1	6,600	10,400	1.5	16,000	13,600	1.7	22,600
1994	2,800	2.5	7,000	10,300	1.8	18,100	13,100	1.9	25,100
1995	3,200	2.4	7,700	9,100	1.7	15,700	12,300	1.9	23,400
1996	2,900	2.9	8,400	8,700	1.7	14,800	11,600	2.0	23,200
1997	2,100	2.7	5,700	8,200	1.8	14,900	10,300	2.0	20,600
1998	2,000	2.5	5,000	7,400	1.8	13,600	9,400	2.0	18,600

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available